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RES GESTAE

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL STUDENT WEEKLY

Tax Credits Available to Students

Every year, Michigan students pass up thousands of dollars available to them under two state programs: the Homestead Property Tax Credit and the Home Heating Credit. You do not need to be a homeowner or directly pay a utility bill in order to qualify for benefits, nor is it necessary to file a Michigan Income Tax Return.

Under the Property Tax Credit, a person is entitled to a credit if his/her property taxes exceed 3.5% of his/her "household income". In the case of renters, property taxes are assumed to equal 17% of rent paid by the person for a domicile in Michigan.

Here is how the Property Tax Credit might apply to a typical law student. The student's income from a summer job, a part-time job during school, dividends and interest equals \$4,000. The student had an apartment in Ann Arbor, for which the rent totaled \$1800 for the year. Seventeen percent of that rent equals \$306. Three and a half percent of the student's income equals \$140. The student is entitled to a credit equal to 60% of the difference between the taxes paid and the income figure: $\$306 - \$140 = \$166$; $\$166 \times 60\% = \99.60 . The student is entitled to a credit of \$99.60 from the State of Michigan. The credit is not an offset against income tax liability. The student would receive the full credit whether any income taxes were paid or not.

The Home Heating Credit works somewhat differently. The same 3.5% income figure is used, but it is offset against a standard allowance based on the number of exemptions the tax-payer may claim. In the case of a single student, the standard allowance would be \$200. Assuming the same \$4000 in income, the 3.5% figure is again \$140. The taxpayer is entitled to receive a credit equal to the total amount of the difference between the two figures: $\$200 - \$140 = \$60$. There is one catch in the Home Heating Credit program. Unlike the Property Tax Credit, the Home Heating Credit may not be claimed by a full-time student who is claimed as a dependant by someone else.

The forms required for the two credit programs are included with Michigan Income Tax forms. The form packets may be obtained at some local banks or from the Secretary of State's office at 611 Church Street.

You may file your credit forms with your income tax forms or separately. The final date for filing a credit for property taxes paid in 1979 is December 31, 1981. This also means it is still not too late to file for a credit for taxes paid in 1978, since the deadline for this is December 31, 1980.

For further information about the credits, call the Michigan Treasury Department at 971-6112.

--Tom Wieder '80

LSSS Appoints Comm. Heads

At its meeting of April 9, the Senate approved the following appointments to faculty/student standing committees and LSSS student committees for the 1980-81 academic year:

ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION: Bob Ling (rep), Chip Elam & Lee Tilson (alternates)

SPORTS DIRECTORS: Mark Bowman, George Schisler,

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GARGOYLE FILMS CHAIR: Gary Leiderman

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ADMISSIONS: Ken Salazar, Jan Van Alstyn, Val Bowman

ADMINISTRATIVE: Rick Halvorsen

CURRICULUM: Anker Bell, Elise Bean, Richard Kessler

STUDENT CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR: Alyssa Taubman

FACULTY SELECTION: Nancy Fredman, Ellen Durkee, David Tachau

We wish to thank all of the students who applied for committee positions, and to remind you that the student committees (Curriculum, Speakers, Social, Placement, etc.) are open to all and would welcome your participation.

Senate: Getting Your Money Back

If you have a good idea that you think merits Senate funding, or if you represent a law school organization which has relied on Senate largesse in the past, take heed! The Senate has changed the funding process to make it more democratic.

In the past, the Senate's pot has been divided up among existing organizations, based on budget requests which broke down proposed spending into general categories. This has made it difficult for new organizations and programs to break into the funding process. It has also made it difficult for the Senate to monitor spending.

In order to remedy this situation, the Senate has approved a proposal adopting a zero-based budgeting approach. All organizations seeking Senate funds will be required to submit budget request forms which itemize their proposed spending, program by program, along with anticipated office/overhead expenses.

These requests will be judged on the basis of established criteria (enumerated on the budget request forms), and new program proposals will be judged on an equal footing with previously funded ones.

Senate funding decisions will take the form of authorizations of spending for specific programs, up to a designated ceiling. Once funding is authorized, receipts will be scrutinized to insure that they are consistent with stated program goals. Organizations can then establish a track record which will bear on their chances of renewed funding in the future.

The new budget request forms are available in the Senate office (217 H.H.), and should be completed by this Thursday, April 17. Budget hearings before the full Senate will begin the following morning.

--Doug Ellman, LSSS President

R.G. Goes Small

Due to budgetary constraints, we are forced to give you a very small R.G. this week. Don't think you've been reading too much (although that may be the case) just because our print seems finer than usual. You'll soon discover that the news is no finer than ever.

Next week's issue will be the last R.G. for the 1979-80 school year. It is the last chance for all of you closet poets, muckrakers and want-ad writers to see yourselves in print. If we have a lot of contributions, the paper will continue with the fine print. If not, we'll be back to bold print. It's up to you.

NEWS AND NOTICES

HONORS CONVOCATION - April 20th, Sunday. All faculty, students and staff are invited to attend the 1980 Law School Honors Convocation, to be held in Hale Auditorium at the Business School at 3 pm this Sunday. Dean White will speak on "The Importance of Being Eccentric". A reception will follow in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

The H.C. is an annual acknowledgement of academic achievement and student activities involvement.

PLACEMENT: Thomas P. Scholler, Tax Partner and William B. Burnett, Tax Manager, of the Detroit office of Arthur Andersen & Co. will be present at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 17, in Room 212 H.H. for an informal discussion of the tax services of A.A., an international firm of certified public accountants. Many of the individuals in the tax division of A.A. have legal backgrounds. This will be an informal discussion of the opportunities available to law school grads in the tax dept. of a large CPA firm, and should be of special interest to first and second year students.

1st year students: Latham & Watkins, Los Angeles will be at the Law School on Thursday, April 24. Please stop by the Placement Office to submit request cards by Wed. April 16 at noon.

If you have accepted a job, please fill out a blue job report form. These are available in the Placement Office and outside Room 100 H.H.

A foreign student at another law school is extremely interested in class notes taken in Prof. Conard's seminar on Multinational Corps. given last fall. He prefers notes of "considerable length and in readable hand writing because English is not [his] first language". He is offering \$10 plus all xerox expenses. Contact Elisha Prero at 994-9287.

SFF REPORT:

The SFF Board members are currently losing sleep agonizing over the 1980 fellowship awards. While over 120 of you (see breakdown below) have pledged over \$4900, this is not enough to fund more than 10-12 of our 28 applicants. Consequently we have the difficult task of deciding which of these well-qualified applicants should receive funding. Many of them cannot take their job offers without SFF support. You can make our decision much easier by pledging, even if it's only a little. We hate telling people no. Thank you.

Pledges as of 4/11:

Class of '80: 34 Class of '81: 57
Class of '82: 34 Faculty, Alums: 4

Graduating Law Students who have received any type of loan through the U. should attend an Exit Interview at 3:30 pm, Thursday, April 24, in Room 120 H.H. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact the Loan Collections Office, 1039 Administrative Services Bldg. 764-9281.

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Submissions may be dropped off in the envelope on the R.G. door or in the envelope outside of Room 102A L.R. Please mark all Docket items and submit them separately.

Distribution: Monday afternoons

Letters to the Editor must be limited to a maximum of 150 words.

All submissions must be signed, even those to be printed anonymously.

Anyone from the 1978 version of 84, or anyone else, who wishes to be included in the Fall 1980 football ticket blocks, please get in touch with Darryl Miller in HH or at 764-9083. (There will probably be one senior priority block and one junior priority block).

BUTTNOSE

BY KELLY AND LEVINE

FOR TOMORROW, READ TRUTH AND JUSTICE-V-ADVERSARY SYSTEMS, INC. THE 10TH COMMANDMENT SAYS, "THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBORS ASSETS." BUT THAT NEVER STOPPED A CORPORATE TAKEOVER.

I ONCE WORKED WITH TRUTH AND JUSTICE ON A FLOOD RELIEF PROJECT. THEY WERE AMONG THE FINEST PEOPLE I EVER MET.



THAT MIGHT HAVE MATTERED IN A COURT OF EQUITY, BUT NOT IN A COURT OF LAW. NOTE HOW ADVERSARY SYSTEMS PREVAILED ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE LOST ON THE MERITS. CONSIDER WHY TRUTH AND JUSTICE WERE BARRED FROM INTRODUCING EVIDENCE OF THE PRIOR BEHAVIOR OF ADVERSARY SYSTEMS.



ASK WHY A-S WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE A POSITION IN COURT THAT DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED WHAT THEY HAD SAID BEFORE THE TRIAL. FINALLY, WERE TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAPABLE OF SURVIVING IN TODAY'S CORPORATE WORLD? OR WILL THEY BE BETTER OFF UNDER ADVERSARY SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT?



ON SECOND THOUGHT, LET'S SKIP THAT CASE. AFTERALL, WE'RE STUDYING CORPORATE LAW, NOT ETHICS.



Obiter Dictum

by R. Guildenstern, Jr.

AMERICANS HELD HOSTAGE: DAY 993.

Ann Arbor, May 17, 1980 -- As hundreds of friends and relatives looked on anxiously, approximately three hundred and fifty students were released today after nearly three years of forced captivity here at the Michigan Law School.

In a public statement explaining the move, Ayatollah Dean Sandalow said: "We have shown the world the Almighty Power which can be wielded by a Law-fearing people in the service of disrupting the base Satanistic existence of the average American personage."

Privately, however, sources familiar with the prolonged negotiations for the students' release said that the decision of the Ayatollah and the ruling Reactionary Council was based on several other factors. It was felt that the Council had inflicted as much psychological damage upon the hostages as was possible, and the release of the students now would greatly speed the decay of American society. Another factor causing the release, these sources said, was intense pressure by former Registrar and Council member, Helen Betts, who apparently was not stripped of her power as had been believed. It was reported that Mrs. Betts refused to transfer the keys to the Registrar's filing cabinets until the hostages were released.

Joy was the prevalent emotion in this quiet university town, as the long-suffering relatives of the captives celebrated the one day they had awaited for nearly one thousand days. One student spouse, whose remarks were echoed by hundreds of parents and children, husbands and wives, said: "I can't wait to see my real husband again. It's been almost three years since he's been captive to the law school -- but I still remember what he was like before this terrible tragedy occurred."

But although exuberance was in the air on this sunny spring day, some experts were issuing somber warnings to those relatives who expected their loved one to act just as they had before the ordeal. Dr. E.F. Jung of the Hostage Research Institute in Geneva expressed concern about signs of Stockholm Syndrome, the well-documented psychological condition in

which captives begin to identify with, and then take on, the characteristics of their captors. Dr Jung was especially fearful because of the strong personalities known to constitute the Reactionary Council.

"Consider also the extreme psychological pressures suffered by these students, which cause even greater susceptibility, and the likelihood is quite strong that the average student when released will be arrogant, argumentative, hyper-analytical, elitist -- in short, 'thinking like a lawyer,'" he noted.

As the hostages were released one by one, the evidence began to accumulate that Dr. Jung's worst fears would be realized. One of the first of the freed students, a slender young woman who demanded she be called "Miranda", was greeted emotionally by her parents. "My darling," they cried, "how are you?"

Bristling, Miranda screamed, "What the hell kind of question is that? Goddamit, y'know, that's the stupidest thing I've ever heard! Y'know? Awright! What the hell!"

Another hostage, who called himself "Don", was asked how he felt about being released.

"Well, I suppose I could say that I feel good about getting out -- but, well, that might be taken to imply that I didn't feel good about being in there, and I wouldn't want to be interpreted as saying that -- not that I did feel good about being in there, but I didn't really feel bad about it either. Well, perhaps the best way to explain it is to say how I felt when I got here and then compare it to -- well, no, I don't really want to get into that -- well, maybe I should -- no, I don't think so. What do you think? No, never mind, forget I asked. Well, don't forget I asked, just don't remember --"

And so it went, into the night, until the last hostage was free.

With the release of this group of hostages, the number of students being held in the complex at Hutchins Hall now stands at 718. Plans have already been formed to seize a group of 360 more hostages in the coming months. We wish them luck.

Norts Spews

In a tightly contested match last Wednesday night, CERT DENIED advanced in the corec competitive volleyball "A" play-offs with a 4-3 win over the Orma Fishes. The match went down to the seventh game, which CERT pulled out 15-12. Exhibiting fine defense work at the net, Dave Lohman made several spectacular blocks against the Fishes' 6'4" spiker. Captain Andrea Beggs' bullet serves inspired the team to new ehights. Rallying to the cause were setter Jan Van Alsten, Bob "Cowboy" Cowell, supre-spiker Dan Petree and that master of the well-placed dink, [sic] Mike Olmstead. Team spirit award went to Sandy Levine who had to race to the game from Detroit.

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MINI - MARATHON REMINDER

Don't forget the fifth running of the semi-annual LSSS 3 Mile mini-marathon this Thursday at 4:00 behind the U Hospital. All are welcome, whether as entrants or spectators.

Registration will be conducted before the start of the race in order to facilitate the final tabulation. You need not be on a team to enter the race.

While awards are given to top finishers in each of the divisions, the race emphasizes participation rather than competition. Those wishing only to stretch winter, and library, weary muscles are encouraged to enter.

Help is still needed with the administrative details. Anyone wishing to offer assistance or with constructive suggestions should contact Mark Eby at 996-5710.

MACHLE'S MUSINGS

A couple of the amateur social scientists among us asked that I discuss some of the new sociological data available on law students. You all remember those first year discussions about how the first born in a family is most likely to attend law school. Well, a new, far more determinative characteristic has been discovered. Contrary to what Shakespeare via Juliet says, it's all in the name. Two years ago the first study of this phenomenon began. A second year student revealed her theory that all male law students were named either Steve or Dave -- and to prove it she took us to a Phid party. Sure enough, she went through 27 introductions of Steves and Daves before her theory failed. After being introduced to us as "Dave," the 28th subject looked puzzled and said, "I'm sorry, but my name is Julian." So much for Steve and Dave as the common characteristic.

Recently, however, the key to the characteristic has been uncovered. Two enterprising researchers have finally discovered the identifying factor. While sitting in class one day they noticed that all law students DO have one of two first names -- but they aren't Steve and Dave--rather, they're Mr. and Ms.

GAG ORDERS

by Stan Shapiro in memory of Seth Weinberger



Docket

WEDNESDAY, April 16

- Christian Law Students. Prof. Reed will speak in the Cook Room at 4 pm

THURSDAY, April 17

- PAD Luncheon - Ms. Ruth McMahon, Program Attorney for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, will speak to "Legal Ed After Law School ... or Meeting the Mandatory & Specialization Requirements in the Various States". She will answer any questions on practice requirements where you intend to practice.

FRIDAY, April 18

- Please turn in all LSSS reimbursement requests before today so the treasurer can study for a couple weeks.
- Public Access TV "Trilat Theatre" 7pm

SUNDAY, April 20

- HONORS CONVOCATION - 3 pm in Hale Auditorium at the business school, reception following at Lawyers Club. Be there.

Classifieds

- Wanted: Refrigerator (apartment size or larger) Under \$30. 973-1581
- FORD GRAN TORINO, 1972, 73,000 miles, in good shape and very reliable. Was stored in garage all winter. For sale as so June 15 for \$400. Must sell-leaving country. 764-8980
- For Sale: Hitachi Tape Deck D-230 and Hitachi Amp HA-330, Kenwood Speakers 6 mos. old. Best offer. 764-8976.
- Wanted: Leads on a 2-bedroom apt, Unfurnished, nice, and less than \$300/mo. for next fall. Incoming student will be visiting this weekend looking for a place for him and his wife. David - 764-8972
- 6-bedroom house hungry for summer occupants. Extremely nice furnishings, 2 baths, etc. Driveway for parking 2 cars. \$500 or \$90/head. Elaine - 764-9067 or Bob - 995-1421.
- Need roommate to share large 2-bedroom apt. May-Aug. Free parking. 5 min. walk from law school and I.M. Fall option available. Rent \$120. 628 Packard #7, call before 10pm 994-547
- 2nd year student (male) seeks single room in house or apt. for Fall-Winter 80-81. Easy-going, taking lots of pass-fail, non-smoker, great cook. Dave - 663-8942.

GARGOYLE

FILMS



This Friday:

*** The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly ***

Starring Clint Eastwood at his macho finest, turning in Eli Wallach for bounty money, and then rescuing him from hanging at the last moment.

*TIME: 7:07 and 9:59 pm

*PLACE: Rm. 100 Hutchins

*COST: Only \$1.50 (1/2 price with law school I.D.)

HUTCHIN'S HERCLES

If you ask me...
Carter's sanctions are
all teeth and no bite!

